SBCivil Writ Petition No.4021/2004

Chandra Sekhar Ranga
Vs.
UCO Bank & Ors.

Date of Order :: 23rd August, 2006

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GOVIND MATHUR

Mr. S.S.Bachani, for the petitioner.
Mr. B.R.Choudhary, for the respondents.

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By this petition for writ the petitioner has claimed interest upon the belated payment of a part of arrears pertaining to pensionary benefits.

The petitioner was voluntarily retired from the service of the respondent Bank and at the time of retirement the pensionary benefits were given to him without taking into consideration revision of the pay scale made by the respondents. The respondents after retirement of the petitioner redetermined his pensionary benefits and made a payment of the sum of Rs.1,69,940/- and a sum of Rs.68,685/- after 9 and 31 months respectively from the date of retirement of the petitioner.

It is contended by counsel for the petitioner that the respondents detained part of pensionary benefits of the petitioner for a pretty long time erroneously and, therefore, the petitioner is entitled for the interest on the amount paid at a belated stage.

A reply to the writ petition has been filed on behalf of the respondents stating therein that the amount was paid to the petitioner at a belated stage due to certain administrative reasons. The reasons are also given in paras 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the reply to the writ petition.

From perusal of the reasons given in reply to the writ petition it appears that there was no ill-will on part of the respondents and whatever delay caused in making payment of a part of pensionary benefits to the petitioner is bonafide.

In view of it, I do not consider it appropriate to declare the petitioner entitled for getting interest on the amount which is paid to him at a belated stage.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

(GOVIND MATHUR),J.

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